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Workshop on balancing bioenergy production and sustainable forest
management in mountain areas

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Enhanced cooperation – a priority for the period 2014–2017

- Presidency of the Czech Republic to the Carpathian Convention (2014–2017)
- One of the priorities: „Strengthening of the Carpathian Convention’s involvement in EU funding programs and macro-regional strategies such as European Strategy for Danube Region“



EUSDR & CC Cooperation

- Need for collaboration on issues and challenges affecting both the Carpathian area and the Danube region (specifically its other mountain areas)
- Positive impact of strengthened cooperation on the implementation of the objectives set up by the Carpathian Convention and the EUSDR
- Adequate platform to enhance the participation of relevant stakeholders in strategic projects



EUSDR & CC Cooperation

Mechanisms for Collaboration:

- **Strengthening networks** (National Coordinators / Focal Points, PA Steering / Working Group members, key stakeholders...)
- **Closer coordination** (exchange of information and key documents, participation in meetings...)
- **Cross-sectoral cooperation**
- **Contribution to the alignment of funding**
- **Danube – Carpathian projects**



Carpathian Convention & EUSDR PA 2: To encourage more sustainable energy

Possible synergies:

- Exchange of best practices, best available technologies, environmental and social know-how, strengthening networks...
- Carpathian Convention, Article 10, Industry and energy
- Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management, Article 14



Carpathian Convention, Art. 10: Industry and energy

1. The Parties shall promote cleaner production technologies, in order to adequately prevent, respond to and remediate industrial accidents and their consequences, as well as to preserve human health and mountain ecosystems.
2. The Parties shall pursue policies aiming at introducing **environmentally sound methods for the production, distribution and use of energy**, which minimize adverse effects on the biodiversity and landscapes, **including wider use of renewable energy sources and energy-saving measures, as appropriate.**
3. Parties shall aim at reducing adverse impacts of mineral exploitation on the environment and ensuring adequate environmental surveillance on mining technologies and practices.



Carpathian Convention, Protocol on Sustainable Forest Management, Art. 14

Each Party shall pursue policies aiming at enhancing the role of the forestry sector in mitigating climate change, with particular attention to finding the right balance between increasing carbon stocks in forest ecosystems, **promoting the use of renewable wood energy**, and the sound use of wood products as substitutes of rough materials derived from non-renewable resources.



Memorandum of Cooperation – Current State

Under discussion within different Priority Areas Steering Groups:

- First MoC signed in **June 2016** with the **PA 1b** (Rail-Road-Air Mobility)
- Also signed: with the **PA 4** (Water Quality) + **PA 2** (**Sustainable Energy**)
- **PA 5** (Environmental Risks) and **PA 6** (Biodiversity & Landscapes): discussions are advanced and signatures/approval expected soon



Implementing the Memorandum

→ **Workshop on balancing bioenergy production and sustainable forest management in mountain areas**

Organised by EUSDR, Priority Area 2 in cooperation with the Carpathian Convention back-to-back with 6th Meeting of the Carpathian Convention Working Group on Sustainable Forest Management

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**Thank you for your
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